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Via ECFS Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary Federal Communications Commission 445 12th Street, S.W. Washington, D.C. 20554

## Re: In the Matter of Petition of USTelecom for Forbearance Pursuant to 47 U.S.C. Section 160(c); WC Docket No. 18-141; Category 1

Dear FCC,

I chose Sonic.net because I had tried several other, larger providers and found their customer service and tech support to be woefully inadequate. I have been with Sonic now for many years. They have excellent service and support. The new threat to small competitive providers is shameful. Internet access will become unaffordable to individual users like me if my only choice is between ATT and Infinity. Also, with Sonic, I have reliable, affordable telephone service, which never was the case with ATT.

Please put the consumers FIRST and don't allow this attempt by the big companies to stifle competition.

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